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SUBJECT: DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SPACIL DISCUSSES BELGRADE MEETING

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1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM A FEBRUARY 19 RUDE PRAVO ARTICLE
BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER DUSAN SPACIL: "THE PERIOD SINCE HELISNKI
HAS BEEN A PERIOD OF FURTHER DEPEENING OF THE PROCESS OF DETENTE,
A PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTING THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE... IN SPITE
OF ALL OF THESE POSITIVE CHANGES THERE STILL EXIST FORCES OF REACTION
,
MILITARISM AND REVANCHISM WHICH MAKE PROVICATIONS, ATTEMPT TO
CREATE A CONFLICT SITUATION AGAINST FURTHER DETENTE AND TRY TO PUSH
EUROPE BACK TO THE PERIOD OF THE COLD WAR...WE SHALL NOT STOP
CONDEMNING AND ADVOCATING THE LIQUIDATION OF SUCH REMNANTS OF THE
COLD-WAR PERIOD AS THE CONTINUING INFLAMMATORY ACTIVITY OF RADIO
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FREE EUROPE AND RADIO LIBERTY, THE EXISTENCE OF WHICH IS IN
FLAGRANT VARIANCE WITH THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE FINAL ACT.....
THE CZECHOSLOVAK PUBLIC JUSTIFIABLY ASK HOW TO RECONCILE WITH THIS
COMMITMENT (TO REFRAIN FROM INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNATL AFFAIRS
OF PARTICIPANT STATES) ALL THE CAMPAIGNS UNLEASHED AGAINST OUR
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, ALL SLANDEROUS STATEMENTS BY STUBBORN
REACTIONARIES AND PROVOCATUERS FROM THE WESTERN INFORMATION MEDIA AND

SOMETIMES, ALAS, EVEN FROM OFFICIAL POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES.....
WE CONSISTENTLY OBSERVE EVERYBODY'S RIGHT "TO CHOOSE AND DEVELOP HIS
POLITICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SYSTEMS AND THE RIGHT TO LAY
DOWN HIS LAWS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS." THEREFORE WE THINK
THAT IF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE HELSINKI
CONFERENCE IS TO GO IN THE PROPER DIRECTION, IF THE BELGRADE MEETING
IS TO FULFILL ITS PURPOSE AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF
ALL-EUROPEAN COOPERATION, IT MUST NOT BE THE EFFORT OF ONE GROUP
OF STATES TO PROMOTE THEIR CONCEPT TO THE DETRIMENT OF ANOTHER ONE,
BUT IT MUST BE A JOINT EFFORT TO DEVELOP THE PROCESS OF DETENTE IN
EUROPE WHILE RESPECTING THE EXISTENCE OF SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL
AND IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES AMONG STATES OF VARIOUS SOCIAL SYSTEMS...

WE HOLD THE OPINION THAT THE BELGRADE MEETING, THOUGH IT WILL HAVE
TO REVIEW THE PAST TWO YEARS, MUST NOT BECOME A TRIBUNAL OF SORTS,
A PLACE OF SHARP CONFRONTATIONS.... ON THE CONTRARY WE THINK THAT
POSITIVE EVALUATION MUST BE MADE IN BELGRADE AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
OUTLINED.... OUR IDEA OF THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION CORRESPONDS
TO THE GENERAL CONCEPT OF THE BELGRADE MEETING, FORMULATED IN THE
FINAL ACT WITH RELATIVE EXACTITUDE. AS FOLLOWS FROM THE RESPECTIVE
PASSAGE OF THE HELSINKI DOCUMENT, INDIVIDUAL STATES SHOULD
NOT BE REPRESENTED AT A HIGHER LEVEL THAN THAT OF AMBASSADORS
PLENIPOTENTIARY OR DEPUTY MINISTERS....SOME MORE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS
CONCERNING THE AGENDA OF THE BELGRADE MEETING ARE ALSO A POINT IN
CURRENT DIPLOMATIC CONSULTATIONS. SOMETIMES WE COME ACROSS OPINIONS
RECOMMENDING ENLARGEMENT OF THE AGENDA OF THE BELGRADE MEETING
AND INCLUSIONS OF QUESTIONS WHICH ARE BEYOND THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
FINAL ACT. THEY INCLUDE, FOR INSTANCE, PROPOSALS FOR PUTTING
FORWARD THE PROBLEMS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN IN BELGRADE. IN OUR
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OPINION THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE FOR A REALISTIC DELIBERATION
OF THESE QUESTIONS BECAUSE OF THE STILL COMPLEX SITUATION IN THE
NEAR EAST AND ESPECIALLY THE POLICY OF ISRAEL. OPINIONS ALSO
APPEAR THAT THE SO-CALLED MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN CONFIDENCE
SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AND ENHANCED IN BELGRADE. WE ARE OF
THE OPINION THAT THE TIME IS NOT YET RIPE FOR SUCH A STEP AND A
SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF POSITIVE EXPERIENCE HAS NOT YET BEEN GATHERED.
THHREFORE WE THINK THAT IT WILL BE CORRECT TO CONTINUE THE
CONSISTENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES ALREADY AGREED SUCH AS
THE NOTIFICATION OF LARGE MILITARY EXERCISES LAID DOWN SPECIFICALLY
IN THE FINAL ACT. IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT WE ENVISAGE THAT IN
BELGRADE THERE WILL BE AN EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS ON STEPS TO BE TAKEN I
N
EUROPEAN CONTEXT TOWARDS COMPLEMENTING DETENTE IN THE POLITICAL
SPHERE WITH CONCRETE MEASURES IN THE MILITARY FIELD. IT IS OBVIOUS T
HAT
THE BELGRADE METING CANNOT BE A FORUM FOR SPECIFIC DISARMAMENT
TALKS AS SUCH. THESE TAKE PLACE ELSEWHERE, E.G. WITHIN THE UN,
IN THE GENEVA DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE, AT THE VIENNA TALKS ON THE

REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE.
HOWEVER, IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE USEFUL TO HAVE IN BELGRADE AN
EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS ON DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS AS STIPULATED BY
THE RESPECTIVE PASSAGE OF THE FINAL ACT. IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT
THE DEBATE WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO GENERAL SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS
TOWARDS HALTING EXCESSIVE ARMAMENTS AND TOWARDS DISARMAMENT.

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3. COMMENT: WE ARE STRUCK BY THE EXTENT TO WHICH SPACIL HAD
IDENTIFIED HIMSELF WITH HARDLINE, PRO-SOVIET POSITIONS
RECENTLY-I.E. IN THIS ARTICLE IN THE PARTY DAILY, HIS FEBRUARY
13-16 VISIT TO SWEDEN(STOCKHOLM 0791), HIS VARIOUS PTORTTESTS
TO NATO AMBASSADORS AGAINST OFFICIAL WESTERN STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT
OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ETC. HIS ACTIONS
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REFLECT THE CURRENT NECESSITY OF STRICT ADHERENCE BY CZECHOSLOVAK
PARTY AND STATE OFFICIALS TO THE SOVIET LINE. END LOU.
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